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## **RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks with respect to the above-captioned application. A petition and fee for a two month extension of time is enclosed herewith.